

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The construction and maintenance of streets and highways are essential to maintaining everyday life and economic vitality in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The summer construction season will soon be underway, with improvements being made to the over 83,000 miles of roadways in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, In the last 5 years, 889 people were injured in South Dakota work zone crashes and 16 people lost their lives; and,

*Whereas*, The safety of our travelers and highway workers is paramount; and,

*Whereas*, Nationally, more than 80 percent of the people killed in work zones are drivers and passengers; and,

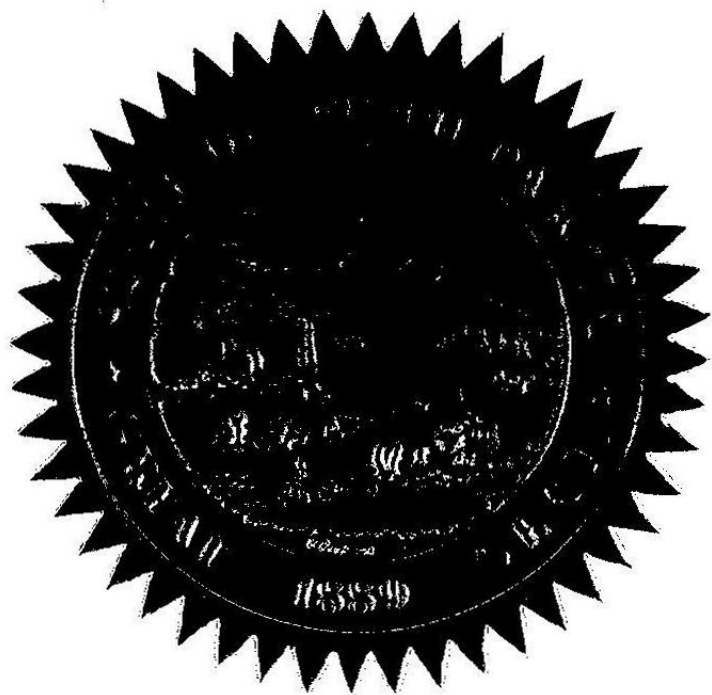
*Whereas*, Road construction crews all have friends and families who are anxious to see them come safely home after work each night. They are performing dangerous work to keep you – and America – moving; and,

*Whereas*, This week is set aside to remind drivers to “Slow for the Cone Zone,” and to be cautious when traveling through construction zones, by temporary work projects, or past emergency personnel, for their safety and that of the workers:

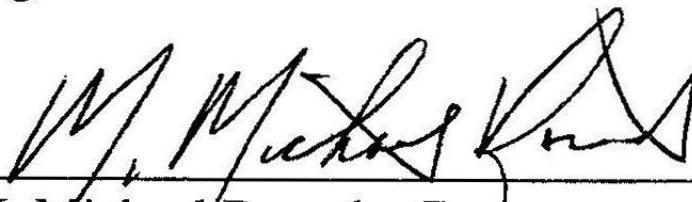
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 7-11, 2008, as

### *WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK*

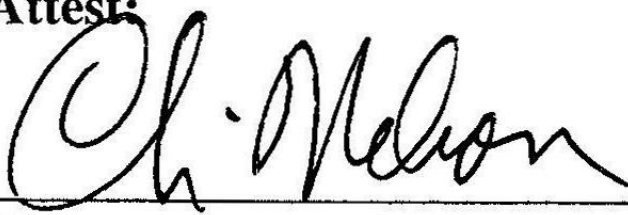
in South Dakota, and I join with others across the United States to observe national Work Zone Awareness Week in an effort to get more of our travelers and highway workers home safely.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State